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8. (Amended) An agglomerated/granulated mulch product made by a mixing and tumbling operation that is comprised of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium fortifiers and paper fibers.

Please add the following new claim 9:

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-- 9. The method of claim 1 further comprising:

performing a size reduction operation on said paper fibers prior to adding said paper fibers to said mixer. --